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SUBJECT: FRG SPEAKING NOTES FOR JULY 19 NAC

1. FRG EMBASSY OFFICER PROVIDED DEPARTMENT JULY 14 WITH
ROUGH TRANSLATION OF FRG SPEAKING NOTES FOR NAC JULY 19
ON THEATER SYSTEMS QUESTION. POINTS ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR
TO POINTS RAISED BY FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH
AND OTHERS DURING BILATERALS LAST MONTH IN WASHINGTON.
TEXT ALSO BEING PASSED TO USNATO BY FRG MISSION IN BRUS-
SELS.

2. SPEAKING NOTES OBVIOUSLY DRAFTED BEFORE FRG AWARE OF
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US DECISION TO MAKE UNILATERAL STATEMENT WHETHER OR NOT
SOVIETS RAISED FBS. FRG EMBASSY OFFICER TOOK NOTE OF
THIS CHANGED SITUATION.

3. SPEAKING NOTES ALSO INDICATE AN FRG DESIRE TO REWORK
LANGUAGE OF US FORMULATION IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.
DEPARTMENT OFFICER INDICATED THAT IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT

THE ISSUE BE WRAPPED UP AT THE NAC ON THE 19TH, UNDER-
SCORED THE FLEXIBLE NATURE OF THE MARKER WE WERE PUTTING
DOWN, OUR DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS THIS FALL,
AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOVE WE HAD ALREADY MADE IN
AN EFFORT TO MEET FRG CONCERNS BY OUR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE
THE STATEMENT. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE DID NOT BELIEVE

ANOTHER MEETING WAS NECESSARY AND HOPED CONCLUDE TOPIC
ON 19TH.

4. IF, AFTER ITS CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE ON OUR
OVERALL GUIDANCE FOR THE 19TH, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS
LIKELIHOOD FRG MAY STILL WANT TO PRESS ISSUE OF TEXT OF
US STATEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN OFFICE AND
MAKE POINTS ALONG LINES PARAGRAPH 3. USNATO SHOULD DO
SAME WITH FRG MISSION.

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